

TAMMANY IN LINE FOR MR. CLEVELAND

While Charles F. Murphy Will Not Pledge the Organization, He Admits Former President's Strength.

WARM PRAISE BY DISTRICT LEADERS

Messrs. Keenan, Oakley, Mulqueen and Hayes Confident the Princeton Sage Is a Vote Getter.

INTEREST IN WALL STREET

Friends of Former President Watching the Progress of His Boom and Believe He Would Win.

While the democratic organization of the city and State of New York look upon former President Grover Cleveland as one of the strongest men in his party, it was made clear by expressions of opinion obtained by the HERALD yesterday from the democratic leaders in all parts of the State that the party managers are in no sense committed to his nomination for the Presidency next year.

While some of the leaders hesitate to give free expression to their opinion so far in advance of the convention, there were none who attacked Mr. Cleveland, while many did not conceal their admiration for him.

Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, from whose conversation former United States Senator Smith, of New Jersey, gained the impression that Tammany would support Mr. Cleveland in the next Democratic National Convention, explained yesterday how it happened that such an impression had been given. He was careful to say that Tammany was not pledged to any candidate.

"I met Mr. Smith while I was on my way back from Mount Clemens," Mr. Murphy said. "He told me that he had found the sentiment for Mr. Cleveland as the democratic candidate for President very strong in the West. I told him that I had found the same thing and that Mr. Cleveland seemed to be a strong man."

"I did not pledge the organization or the vote of New York State to Mr. Cleveland, and I made no promise to attempt to do so. I am not in any position to make such a promise. Tammany Hall is not pledged to anybody. It has no Presidential candidate and has no preference at present."

Formidable, Tammany Believes.

Among the Tammany district leaders it was apparent that Mr. Cleveland is looked upon as a formidable candidate should he be nominated.

Senator Fawcett, leader of the Thirty-second district, said: "If Mr. Murphy wants Mr. Cleveland nominated I will be with him to the end. If the convention nominates him I shall consider it my duty to support him. I would not care to give an opinion, however, in regard to his popularity among the rank and file of the organization until I have had a chance to discuss the matter with them."

Thomas O'Neill, leader of the annexed district, said: "I do not think that President Roosevelt will be a hard man to defeat, but I certainly look upon Mr. Cleveland as the strongest man whom the democrats could name."

Wall Street Interested.

Mr. Cleveland's old friends in this city, and especially in the financial district, were watching with much interest the development of his boom. George Foster Peabody, who became one of the leading old democrats in 1886, said: "I believe that if Mr. Cleveland is nominated there will be no doubt about his election."

When William J. Bryan, who was in New Haven yesterday, was shown the report of former Senator Smith's letter saying that Tammany Hall would support Grover Cleveland, he remarked: "I have not a word to say on politics this visit. I had I might merely express an opinion, but I am carefully refraining from talking to any newspaper just now on public questions."

Frank Campbell, of Bath, Chairman of State Committee, said: "My ambition is to have the man nominated who will lead the democratic party to success. I hope this sentiment will actuate all our party leaders."

George Hall, Ogdensburg, State Committee, said: "It would please me if Mr. Cleveland were nominated, and I believe he could be elected."

Michael McCabe, Haverstraw State Committee, said: "Mr. Cleveland unquestionably occupies a warm spot in the affections of all sensible democrats and has a monopoly on the independent and thinking republican voters. I doubt, however, the next National Democratic Convention making an attempt to violate the unwritten law of our country, and do not think a man, however, above his fellows, would be placed in a position to possibly serve as chief executive of this country for three terms."

Al J. Walsh, of Yonkers, State Committee, said: "Mr. Cleveland would no doubt attract to his candidacy the support of many persons who have not recently been in sympathy with the democratic party in national affairs. I am not prepared to say, however, that he is the most available candidate."

Joseph F. Mulqueen, Tammany leader of the Twenty-ninth district, said: "If Mr. Cleveland could be induced to accept nomination, he would make a strong candidate. From the feeling in my district I think we could carry the Twenty-ninth for him. He carried it in 1892. The only argument which might be used against him would be the third term cry, but I think this would have little effect upon his canvass, since eight years have elapsed since his last administration. The main question is whether or not he would be willing to make the sacrifice."

Nicholas J. Hayes, leader of the Thirty-third district, said: "I think Mr. Cleveland would be a strong candidate and a hard man for the republicans to defeat."

John J. Kenny, of Richmond county, said: "I do not think Mr. Murphy would invite the attention of all Cleveland democrats at a time when he has a very important city election on his hands. He is too shrewd a politician for that."

Patrick Keenan, leader of the Sixteenth district, said: "I have always regarded Grover Cleveland as the most formidable democrat in the party and the strongest man who could be selected to lead the national ticket. His ability as a vote getter has been demonstrated twice."

John T. Oakley, leader of the Fourteenth district, said: "I have no objection to Mr. Cleveland's being nominated."

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Views of the Yachts That Begin Struggle To-day Off Sandy Hook for the America's Cup



ROOSEVELT HIT IN HILL'S ADDRESS

"Spectacularism," a Disease in Which the Victims "Abhor Silence and Obscurity."

"LIVE IN THE PUBLIC EYE"

"Assert Self-Evident Propositions, Moss-Covered with Age, as Though They Were Oracles."

"THEY MEDDLE AND MUDDLE"

Labor Problems and Prosperity Touched On in His Speech to Niagara Pioneers.

OLIVETT BEACH, N. Y., Tuesday.—It is estimated that from twenty to thirty thousand people attended the annual picnic of the Niagara County Pioneers' Association to-day. The morning was taken up with a business meeting of the association, followed by a reception to David B. Hill, at which thousands of persons paid their respects to the former Governor of the State. Mr. Hill's speech excited much comment on account of what was considered a pointed and not complimentary allusion to President Roosevelt. In his address he said:

"The duty of every American citizen who loves his country and her free institutions is plain. He should assist in the creation of a healthy public sentiment which should demand that no person charged with crime shall be punished therefor except under due process of law and by lawful officials, and after a trial before a court and jury, as provided by the wise and beneficent provisions of our federal constitution."

A SLAP AT ROOSEVELT.

The speaker discussed what he called "spectacularism." While no names were mentioned, the name "Roosevelt" was whispered from one to another as the speaker progressed.

"The tendency of the times is toward indulgence in that peculiar species of sensational performance which may be characterized in general terms as 'spectacularism.'"

"Spectacularism usually affects superiority over other people; in the matter of patriotism they desire to be regarded as the only true patriots; they assume to possess all the virtues while other people in their estimation possess all the vices. They abhor silence and obscurity. They apparently never live at all if they could not live constantly in the public eye. They clamor about publicity and largely personally publicity run mad. They assert the commonest kind of self-evident propositions, which have become moss covered with age, with an emphasis as though they were oracles and as though their platitudes were wholly original."

"They have their press agents, who unsolicited supply the newspapers gratuitously with the details of whatever they do, whether in the morning or at night, as though the world were holding its breath for fear that something would escape if pertaining to themselves. If they happen to hold a public office they are delighted to see their smallest acts paraded, magnified and applauded. They meddle with everything, the future and being largely in process of development, but the fact there is no adherence to the good old fashioned and safe doctrine of 'paying as you go.'"

"Spectacularism as here interpreted is a sort of disease—it expands the head and contracts the conscience, and may appropriately be called 'spectacularism.'"

"The public are afflicted with these manifestations at this time more than at any other period of our history. Sensationalism seems to be in the air."

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

"Freedom" was the next subject touched on by Mr. Hill, and in this he included the labor problem. He said: "The fixing of the prices of products," he said, "the number of hours which a man is to work, and the wages which he is to receive, are matters which should be regulated by private contract rather than by law."

You gentlemen hear it said that the government should be conducted according to business principles, in so far as it implies that the affairs of state should be managed honestly and economically. The proper future is undoubtedly that the government is to be managed as if it were a business institution and to be manipulated in aid of private business interests rather than in the general welfare, then the proposition is unsound."

SO-CALLED PROSPERITY.

It was only a step from this subdivision of his discourse to "Fictitious vs. Real Prosperity."

"It is conceded," he said, "that many public works are in progress of construction and many important enterprises are in process of development, but the fact must be borne in mind that most of these schemes are being floated upon borrowed capital—the future is being largely mortgaged—and that profits to hereafter accrue and dividends to be hereafter declared are ideas being anticipated, and there is no adherence to the good old fashioned and safe doctrine of 'paying as you go.'"

The true test of actual prosperity is to be found in the fact whether the people—the men who cultivate the soil, the wage earners, the merchants, the professional men—in other words, the average citizens—are laying up any money for a rainy day or for the period of old age; in plain language, whether they are substantially and materially getting ahead in their efforts to secure competence for themselves and their families."

Mr. Hill concluded his speech with a plea for good roads in New York.



PACING RECORD LOWERED TO 1:59

With a Runner for a Wind Shield Dan Patch Beats Star Pointer's Time at Brighton Beach.

WEATHER CONDITIONS POOR

Strong Wind Swept Over the Track and Atmosphere Was Cold Enough for Overcoats.

On a track by no means perfect and with weather conditions altogether unfavorable for fast time, Dan Patch, accompanied by a running horse that went ahead of him and ploughed a hole in the wind, paced a mile in 1:59 over the Brighton Beach race track yesterday, beating the best time on record by a quarter of a second.

After many losing attempts to wrest the world's record from that gallant cripple, Star Pointer, 1:59 1/2, M. E. McHenry, the driver of Dan Patch, adopted the suggestion made repeatedly by the HERALD in the last three years, and put a moving wind shield ahead of the pacer. At the first attempt, made under unfavorable conditions as to weather and track, the fleet son of Joe Patchen, following close in the wake of the runner, accomplished a feat which no harness horse ever equalled.

Dan Patch had tried and failed so many times that comparatively few persons went down to the beach to see him make the effort yesterday. Not more than five thousand persons were present. While the weather was hot and muggy up town, it was cool enough for overcoats at Brighton. So adverse seemed the weather that the "grand special" was regarded as a mere formality which would result in another failure.

Even Money Against 2:00 1-4.

Just before the horse came out to his race against the watch, Frank B. Walker, the starting judge, announced to the spectators that owing to the wind, cold and cuppy footing, Dan Patch would not start against the world's record, but against the track record of 2:00 1/4, made by him last year. The bookmakers offered to wager even money he would not beat this mark, but there were no takers. So certain seemed failure that the trial attracted less attention than any other feature of the day's programme at the Grand Circuit meeting.

When the horse came out, at four o'clock, two runners in harness accompanied him. One of them was driven by Charles Tanner, who had a large piece of stiff canvas suspended from the axle of his long shafts sledge. This operated to prevent the runner from throwing dirt behind him and also to break the wind.

Tanner took the runner out in front when the word "Go" was given, but so fast did the pacer move around the first turn that he nearly went past the pacer-maker. Going up the backstretch Tanner eased away on the chestnut thoroughbred and from there to the end of the mile he ran three or four lengths in front of Dan Patch.

The first quarter was covered in 0:29 1/2, the second in 0:29 1/2, the third in 0:29 1/2 and the fourth in 0:29 1/2. More perfect racing has rarely been seen, and the cheers which were given for the wonderful horse and his skilful driver belonged of right equally to "Doc" Tanner, who drove the runner with such faultless judgment throughout the mile.

Timed in 1:58 3-4.

Nine out of ten unofficial timers caught the mile in 1:58 3/4. In fact, "Eddie" Lockwood was the only horseman discovered by a HERALD reporter who timed the horse as slow as 1:59.

Trainers and turfmen differed greatly in estimating the merits of the performance as compared with that of Star Pointer, 1:59 1/2. McHenry said he believed the pacer in front had not aided Dan Patch in any way except by inspiring him to race against the runner. Tanner, on the other hand, held up three fingers when asked at how many seconds he estimated the difference between a mile so paced and one without a runner in front. Both drivers expressed the opinion that Dan Patch would pace a mile in 1:57 before the end of the season.



100 IN PERIL IN ATLANTIC CITY SURF

Depression Formed in the Beach Overnight Entraps Many Bathers.

WOULD-BE RESCUERS CAUGHT

Thrilling Work of Life Guards Watched by Frenzied Crowds on Board Walk.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Wednesday.—More than a hundred persons in the breakers were trapped in a depression in the beach near New York avenue to-day which had formed overnight. Until a cordon of life guards could be formed about the place ten of the life savers worked heroically in saving bathers who unwarily wandered into the gully.

The thrilling work was watched by several thousand people from boardwalk and beach, and a dozen officers were required to keep the spectators in control. A few bathers found the depression, and while the two life guards on the station were saving them from peril other bathers tried to reach them, with the result that in a few minutes calls had to be made upon other stations for help. The guard Arthur Penny in helping two women and two men was hugged so closely he had to fight off the frantic bathers under water to save his own life.

A young woman whose name was not learned was saved by Policeman Hiram Maxwell. She remained unconscious for more than an hour. Miss Lanie Helender, of Cincinnati, had to be helped to her hotel. Mrs. Marshall, of Shenandoah, was saved with difficulty, together with friends who went to her aid.

Others rescued were Mrs. Anna Murphy, Miss Anna Murphy and Miss Getty, of Philadelphia; Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Sydney, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Viola Wedel, of South Falls, Va.

Captains of the Guards Ruff believes the rescues the best work on the beach in years. The record for rescues in a single day in the history of the city was broken.

TEXAS OIL MEN'S BANK GOES TO THE WALL

Citizens' National, of Beaumont, Capitalized at \$100,000, Closes Without Explanation.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] BEAUMONT, TEXAS, Wednesday.—The Citizens' National Bank, with an authorized capital of \$100,000, was closed this afternoon by National Bank Examiner Logan, who has been here about a week, looking into the affairs of the bank.

No statement has been given out as to the amount or relation of the assets and liabilities, but the failure is said to be a bad one.

The Citizens' Bank was organized during the oil boom, and was patronized largely by oil operators and speculators. A. D. Childress, the cashier, is either in New York or en route to this city.

RUNAWAY ON A PIER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cluett, Returning from Europe, Saved by Prompt Action of Detectives.

What might have been a serious runaway accident was stopped by the prompt action of detectives stationed at the White Star line pier yesterday afternoon.

Among those who arrived on the White Star line steamship Oceanic were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cluett, of Troy, N. Y. They engaged James Garvin to drive them to a hotel.

Three trunks were piled on the box of the carriage. The vehicle had just cleared the pier entrance when the trunks, on which Garvin was perched, fell between the carriage and the horses, carrying the driver with them.

The horses, frightened, started to run when Detective Sergeants Moody and Lesoon, standing near, seized them and got them under control.

Garvin was struck repeatedly by the horses' hoofs before he could be rescued. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, and later was able to go to his home.



RETURNS ALONE, MURDER CHARGED

Former Selectman of Connecticut Village Alleged to Have Killed Companion in Boat.

MOTHER SEEKS A SLAYER

Brown, When Montgomery Did Not Appear After a Row Together, Said He Had Ended His Own Life.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] WILLIAMSBURG, Conn., Wednesday.—The little village of Canterbury, twelve miles from here, is all excitement over the arrest of Thomas J. Brown, fifty years old, a prominent resident and former Selectman, on the charge of murder in the first degree. He was arrested Tuesday and will have a hearing on August 25. He is now in jail.

On July 3 last Brown and Frederick F. Montgomery went out on the Quinbaug River in a boat. At nine o'clock that night Brown returned alone and said that Montgomery had become tired of living and had taken his own life by jumping overboard.

Relatives of Montgomery spent the next few days dragging the river for his body, and on July 6 it was found. Dr. W. L. Adams, the medical examiner, was notified and he viewed the body and gave accidental drowning as the cause of death. There were several cuts and bruises on the dead man's face and marks of a blow on the head.

Mrs. Montgomery, the mother of the dead man, who is the postmistress at Packerville, notified Coroner A. G. Bill that she had suspicions, but heard nothing from him, and she and other relatives began an investigation, with the result that Brown was arrested. The officials who have been at work on the case refuse to give out any information as to what the evidence is.

For some time Brown had acted in a nervous manner, but he pleaded not guilty to the charge when taken before Justice E. H. H. Hunter, Tuesday. It is said that the two men quarrelled violently about a year ago, but the officials will not say what the cause of this quarrel was. Brown has a wife and three children. Montgomery left a wife.

STILL EXPECTS TO FLY

Professor Langley Regards Initial Failure of His Airship the Forerunner of Success.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday.

Initial failure in the trials of his airship at Widewater, Va., is, in the opinion of Professor S. P. Langley, only a forerunner of ultimate success. For the first time in many months Professor Langley to-day broke silence in regard to his invention and sent a signed statement to the HERALD Bureau relative to his experiments.

Professor Langley says that in his previous trials success has only been reached after initial failures, which, alone have taught the way to it, and he knows no reason why prospective trials should be an exception. It is possible, rather than probable, he declares, that it may be otherwise now.

Professor Langley says it is to be regretted that the enforced publicity given to his initial experiments may lead to unfounded expectations. He points out that it is the practice of all scientific men not to make public the results of their work until these are certain. He adds that the fullest publicity, consistent with the national interest—since the recent experiments have for their object the development of a machine for war purposes—will be given to this work when it reaches a stage which warrants publication.

If you cannot attend the Cup Races keep your eye on the Broadway bulletin service of the EVENING TELEGRAM. It will have unique features this year, but will duplicate its old time triumphs for speed and accuracy.

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A READER OF CLASSICS.

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But to questions as to where he had stolen more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry, furs, dresses, silverware and all sorts of expensive articles of apparel which were found in his room, or in pawnshops through tickets discovered in a desk, he made no hesitation in replying.

Most of the jewelry has already been traced to its owners and by to-night it is anticipated by the police that all will have been identified. Until these identifications are complete the names of the owners will not be made public.

Judging from the quality of the articles recovered, "Gentleman George" sought to rob only the homes of persons of wealth, or if he had opportunities to take plunder of less value he scorned to do so. On Captain Langan's desk, at Police Headquarters, last night, there were heaped at least \$5,000 worth of gems and articles of clothing, all of the finest quality.

One cape of ermine, lined with Persian lamb, alone is estimated to be worth \$500, and many of the rings and jeweled pins cannot fail to be worth considerable sums. Half a dozen ball dresses cost not less than \$100 each, and the police admitted they were unable to appraise some of the lace.

WIFE'S CLOTHES MADE TO ORDER.

Without hesitation Robinson has admitted the theft of all this plunder. In fact, he says everything in his apartments is the fruit of his stealings except his own and his wife's clothing, which, he declares, was all made to order and paid for in cash.

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If Robinson is well enough he will be arraigned in court this morning, when he will be held for examination before the Grand Jury.

GENTLEMAN BY DAY, BURGLAR AT NIGHT

George Robinson, Recently Arrested, Wore Clothing Made by Best Tailors.

CLASSICS IN HIS LIBRARY

Self-Confessed Thief Known as "Gentleman George" Among His Co-Workers.

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Scorned to Make Use of the Goods He Stole and Took Only Valuable Articles.

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